

Appl. No. 09/848,024
Amdt. dated June 30, 2004
Reply to Office action of March 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application. In this Office action response, claims 3, 4, 7-9, 12, 15 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 11 have been canceled. New claims 18-20 have been added. Claim 13, 14 and 17 are as originally filed.

In his communication, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3, 6-8, and 11 were objected to but would be allowable if appropriately rewritten.

Claim 18 represents claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled and claims 3 and 4 amended to depend from claim 18. Claims 3, 4, and 18 should therefore be allowable.

Claim 19 represents claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled and claims 7-9 amended to depend from claim 19. Claims 7-9 and 19 should therefore be allowable.

Claim 20 represents claim 11 rewritten in independent form. Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled and claims 12-17 appropriately amended to depend from claim 20. Claims 12-17 and 20 should therefore be allowable.

Based upon the foregoing, allowance of claims 3, 4, 7-9, and 12-20 is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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